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During late August 1953, the East China Military Area (ECMA) received 100 x 75-mm. mountain guns from the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council. These guns, which had been manufactured at the T'aiyuan (N 37-52, E 112-35) Arsenal,¹ were distributed to the artillery regiments of the military districts of the ECMA.² The Ordnance Department of the Supply and Service Command of the ECMA assigned 20 guns to Shantung, 14 to Anhwei, 18 to Kiangsu, and 24 each to Chekiang and Fukien.

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1. [redacted] in 1948 the Northwest Artillery Manufacturing Plant at T'aiyuan was producing a limited number of mountain artillery pieces. The Chinese Communists are believed to have continued to manufacture fairly exact copies of Japanese 75-mm. pack guns, including the old Krupp-type Type 41 piece (1908) and the Type 94 (1934) mountain gun.

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2. [redacted] In April 1953 the ECMA was planning to organize one artillery regiment in each of its military districts, the regiments to be equipped principally with mountain guns taken from provincial stockpiles or supplied by the Supply and Service Command of the ECMA.

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